

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 7-9, 11, 13, 19-21, 27-29, 31, 33-35, 43 and 45-61 are pending.

Entry of Amendment

It is requested that the amendment be entered as it reduced issues for appeal.

With respect to amended claim 48, it is considered that it does not raise a new issue for the Examiner.

Reply to Rejections

First Rejection

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 48, 31, 35 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner in section 2 of the Office Action.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Second Rejection

Claim 48 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Paley et al. (US Patent No. 6,062,381).

Even assuming *arguendo* and of that the Examiner is correct that strip 24 or 74 of Paley et al. is considered as a hinged lid, there is no disclosure or suggestion, whatsoever that this "lid" comprises an auxiliary compartment as now set forth in claim 48 amended.

Even though claim 48 has been amended, it is not suggested by the applied reference.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4, 7-9, 11, 13, 19-21, 27-29, 43, 45-47, 50-53 as 57-60 stand allowed.

Claims 31, 35, 61 and 33, 34, 54-56 as they now depend on claims in which the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been overcome, these claims are also considered allowable.

Objected to Claim 49

Claim 49 is also considered allowable as it has been rewritten to include all the limitation of original base claim 48.

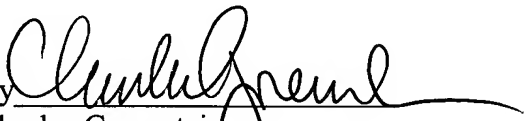
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg, Registration No. 33,347 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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